

## **AGRICULTURAL NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM 2014-2015**

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### **Program Objective**

The New Hampshire Legislature in 2001 enacted an Agricultural Nutrient Management (ANM) grant program in the Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food (NHDAMF). The program is presently funded in NHDAMF's budget. The primary purpose of the ANM grants are to assist agricultural land and livestock owners with efforts to minimize adverse effects to waters of the state by better managing agricultural nutrients including commercial fertilizers, animal manures and agricultural composts. Priority is given to projects that most clearly address protection of surface water and public drinking water sources.

### **Program Basics**

The ANM Grant Program provides financial assistance for livestock and agricultural land operations with implementing Best Management Practices and other measures that prevent or mitigate water pollution. Applicants for ANM grants may apply for cost assistance of up to \$2,500. There is no match required; however, in-kind services such as labor provided by the applicant will enhance the application. The majority of the funding will be used for on-farm projects that address the program objectives. Funding may also be utilized by non-profit or other organizations for educational or research projects related to the grant programs goals.

### **Examples of Projects:**

- Fencing livestock out of surface water
- Controlled wetland crossings
- Concrete pads or structures for manure/compost storage
- Roofs for manure/compost storage
- Barn roof gutters/downspouts
- Pasture pumps or other watering systems as alternatives to surface water sources
- Vegetated buffers/Divergence berms

### **How to Apply**

Applications, available from NHDAMF, may be submitted by individuals, businesses or organizations. Grants will be awarded in two rounds, March and September, for which applications must be received by the department by **March 1<sup>st</sup>** and by **September 1<sup>st</sup>** respectively. The final project for grants awarded in March will have a September deadline. The final project for grants awarded in September will have a April deadline. In addition, depending upon availability of funds, a special emergency grant application may be made when circumstances arise that the department determines present a critical need for assistance. Grant recipients will be chosen based on the merits of the project as put forth in the application. NHDAMF representatives may visit the proposed applicant's site to view the project for suitability. Prior to receiving funding, successful applicants will sign a grant agreement with NHDAMF indicating their responsibility to complete the proposed tasks by the designated date, and authorizing the department to view and certify the project as complete. Payment of funds to the applicant may be made upon completion of the project, or, at NHDAMF's discretion, in installments, contingent upon satisfactory completion of the project tasks.

Provide the original and three (3) copies of the application, and complete supporting information to the address below.

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